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### PRICES CONTROL ACT, 1948-1952.

Prices Control Order No. 887.

Eggs in Shell.

IN pursuance of the powers conferred upon me by the Prices Control Regulations, 1949, I, Constantin Paul Mathea, Prices Control Commissioner, hereby make the following Order:—

#### Citation.

1. This Order may be cited as Prices Control Order No. 887.

#### Revocation.

2. Prices Control Order No. 679 is hereby revoked.

#### Definitions and Interpretations.

3. In this Order, unless the contrary intention appears—

“Perth Metropolitan Area” means all that area comprised within a radius of 12 miles from the General Post Office, Perth;

“cost of transport” and “cost of cartage” respectively mean—

cost of railway or other transport actually incurred by the retail seller and properly attributable to conveying eggs to his nearest railway station or siding or to his place of business;

and

cost of cartage actually incurred by the retail seller and properly attributable to conveying eggs from his nearest railway station or siding to his place of business;

but do not include any such cost which is not properly recorded in the retail seller's books of account;

“wholesale price” means in relation to the sale by retail of any kind and quality of eggs in shell—

- (a) the price payable at the time of such sale for that kind and quality of eggs in shell to the Western Australian Egg Marketing Board, for delivery at the grading floors of the said Board; or
- (b) the price actually paid or payable for those eggs by the retail seller, whichever is the lesser.

#### Maximum Retail Price.

4. I fix and declare the maximum price at which eggs in shell may be sold by any person by retail to be—

- (A) in respect of any sale of one dozen eggs—
  - (i) in the Perth Metropolitan Area, the sum of the wholesale price and the margin according to the wholesale price, specified in the second column of the Schedule to this Order;
  - (ii) South of the 26th parallel of South latitude, other than in the Perth Metropolitan Area, the sum of—
    - (a) the wholesale price;
    - (b) cost of transport;
    - (c) cost of cartage;
    - (d) the margin according to the wholesale price specified in the second column of the Schedule to this Order;
  - (iii) North of the 26th parallel of South latitude, the sum of—
    - (a) the wholesale price;
    - (b) cost of transport;
    - (c) the margin according to the wholesale price, specified in the third column of the Schedule to this Order;

(B) in respect of any sale of any quantity other than one dozen eggs, an amount bearing the same ratio to the price per dozen fixed (as the case may be) by the provisions of subparagraphs (A)(i), (A)(ii) or (A)(iii) of this paragraph, as the quantity sold bears to one dozen: Provided that such amount, if not an exact multiple of one half-penny shall be calculated to the next upward half-penny.

#### Exhibition of Price Tickets.

5. Every person who sells or has for sale by retail eggs in shell shall exhibit a separate price card or cards specifying the selling price applicable to the kind and quality of the eggs in shell displayed so as to properly associate such price with the eggs in shell to which the price applies.

#### Variation of Maximum Prices by Notice.

6. Notwithstanding the foregoing provisions of this Order, I declare the maximum price at which eggs in shell specified in a notice given in pursuance of this paragraph may be sold by retail by any person to whom such notice is given to be such price as is fixed by the Commissioner by notice in writing to that person.

### The Schedule. Maximum Retail Margins.

| First Column.  | Second Column.                                  | Third Column.                                   |
|--|---|---|
|  | Sales South of 26th Parallel of South Latitude. | Sales North of 26th Parallel of South Latitude. |
|  | per dozen.<br>s. d.                             | per dozen.<br>s. d.                             |
| Where the wholesale price does not exceed 2s. 5d. per dozen ....                     | 0 4   | 0 6   |
| Where the wholesale price exceeds 2s. 5d. but does not exceed 3s. 4d. per dozen .... | 0 5   | 0 7½  |
| Where the wholesale price exceeds 3s. 4d. but does not exceed 4s. 1d. per dozen .... | 0 6   | 0 9   |
| Where the wholesale price exceeds 4s. 1d. but does not exceed 5s. 0d. per dozen .... | 0 7   | 0 10½   |
| Where the wholesale price exceeds 5s. 0d. per dozen ....                             | 0 8   | 1 0   |

Dated at Perth this 21st day of August, 1953.

C. P. MATHEA,  
Prices Control Commissioner.